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SUBJECT: BUDGET ESTIMATE FY-74

REF: STATE 028856

AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, PARA 2, FOLLOWING IS ESTIMATE
FOR REMAINDER FY-74

1. S&E

A. LOCAL SALARIES (ACTUAL) \$20,503

B. REQUESTED ADDITIONAL POSITIONS
(FIVE) 2,056

C. POSITION TO BE ABOLISHED
(ITALIAN NATIONAL) 626

D. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES: WATCHMEN,
CHAR FORCE, AND GARDENERS AT
\$195/MONTH 877

E. RENTAL OF 4 LEASED APARTMENTS 7,534

F. UTILITIES, INITIAL INSTALLATION
OF TELEPHONE, HEAT, AND FURNISHINGS 4,138

G. OPERATING COSTS FOR USINT INCLUDING
GOV'S, CHANCERY & RESIDENCE EXPENSES,
ORE, SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS 23,266

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H. VISA AND PASSPORT ISSUING EQUIPMENT \$1,000

TOTAL ITEMS A THROUGH H \$60,000

2. REPRESENTATION: INITIAL COST IS HIGH
DUE TO RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTACTS
WITH SYRIAN OFFICIALS AND FOR PROTECTION
OF INTERESTS OF US NATIONALS. 2,500

3. FBO ALLOTMENT: PROPERTY NO'S
01476 (CHANCERY), 02476 (RESIDENCE)
AND 03476 (GARDEN SITE)

A. REPLACEMENT OF CURTAIN IN CHANCERY 1,000

B. REPAINTING RESIDENCE 2,600

C. PROTECTIVE WALL FOR USG OWNED GARDEN SITE 3,500

D. M&R FOR USG PROPERTIES 400

TOTAL FOR FBO ALLOTMENT REQUESTED 7,500

TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR FY-74 70,000

4. PARA 1, E INCLUDES SIX MONTH ADVANCE NECESSARY
TO GET PROPER APARTMENTS. POST WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
POINT OUT THAT UNDER FBO ALLOTMENT (PARA 3, B)
THE PAINTING OF THE RESIDENCE IS ALMOST A MUST
WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. OVER THE YEARS LITTLE
M&R HAS BEEN DONE AND WHILE THE BUILDING IS
STRUCTURALLY SOUND, THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR
HAVE BECOME SHABBY AND ARE BADLY IN NEED OF A
COAT OF PAINT. IT IS REQUESTED THAT FBO PLEASE
TREAT THIS ITEM AS AN URGENT ONE.

5. PARA 1, G INCLUDES MANY ONETIME EXPENSES THAT ARE
BEING INCURRED, AS START UP COST ARE HIGH. THESE
INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS LOCAL COST OF TELEGRAMS, VERY
HIGH TELEPHONE BILL BEFORE TELE-COMMUNICATIONS WAS
ESTABLISHED AND TDY/PER DIEM FOR MANY COURIER RUNS
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